

# **ONTO MICHIGAN** OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONTRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS

## VIEW

**Mark your calendar!**

**June 10, 2008**

**ONTO Michigan Workshop**

**Victor Center  
201 N Washington Square  
Lansing, MI**



### Great Lakes Region of National Girls Collaborative

University of Michigan Programs for Educational Opportunity has received a grant from the National Girls Collaborative Project to lead the region in collaborating for greater opportunities for young women.

The National Girls Collaborative Project is designed to reach girl-serving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) organizations across the US and Puerto Rico. The Project provides resources which help local Champions Boards sponsor activities supporting the interests of young women in STEM.

The [NGCP](#) provides technical assistance, mini-awards, and a program directory for easy access to additional resources. The first event of the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative will be a Kick-Off Event, tentatively planned for Fall 2008. At this event, prospective sites will network, gather resources, and learn how to conduct STEM events for young women. If you are interested in being notified about the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative, including the Kick-Off Event and mini-awards, e-mail Lynn Reha [lcreha@ilstu.edu](mailto:lcreha@ilstu.edu)



### Technical Assistance Available for your ONTO Michigan site

ONTO Michigan is a technical assistance and professional development project sponsored by the Office of Career and Technical Education, Michigan Department of Education. The purpose is to assist Michigan secondary and postsecondary educational entities in recruiting women and men into careers which are nontraditional for their gender and in supporting those learners who are currently studying for nontraditional careers. Three events launched this initiative in

FY07. Participating sites conducted self-studies of the services to NTO learners at their schools and colleges and designed activities to meet gaps in programming. On June 10, 2008 at the Victor Center in Lansing, FY07-08 sites will showcase their activities and make plans for FY09. Perkins professionals who are interested in participating in ONTO Michigan next year are invited to come and see ONTO Michigan in action.

### ONTO Michigan project prompts career program at HFCC

Henry Ford Community College recently hosted a recruitment program to promote non-traditional career education opportunities for women, titled "Focus on YOUR Future." The program was developed by Bia Hamed, Student Advisor at HFCC. Twenty-five students attended the program held November 30, 2007.

During breakfast, students introduced themselves and talked about career interests. Packets with registration information and program brochures were handed out.

Faculty members gave brief descriptions of different educational opportunities offered as well as demonstrations. The areas displayed were Auto Technology, Energy Technology, Electronics, Heating and Cooling (HVAC), Computer Aided Design, and Computer Numerical Control.

Career opportunities in Michigan as well as throughout the United States were discussed. Students were given tours of class labs. Current female students spoke about training for nontraditional careers. Logo door prizes were awarded during the lunch break after students were quizzed about information they learned during the program. At the end of the program, students were surveyed. All the students said they would recommend the program to fellow students. Many students were excited to learn about opportunities in nontraditional career fields. The students all agreed that the worse part of the program was the cold weather. Hamed considered the program a huge success and hopes to host similar programs in the future when the weather is warmer!

Technical assistance is available by visiting the [ONTO Michigan resource website](#). The site offers tips to assist in the self-study process, resources, assistance with assessment of activities, alignment of goals, and hand-outs from March 29, 2007 and June 28, 2007 workshops. A new resource has been added titled, "Do Your Goals Measure Up?" For further assistance contact: Lynn at: [lcreha@ilstu.edu](mailto:lcreha@ilstu.edu) or Lisa at [lmatejka@ilstu.edu](mailto:lmatejka@ilstu.edu).



As your **ONTO Michigan** activities take place, please send pictures and summaries of the event to Lynn at: [lcreha@ilstu.edu](mailto:lcreha@ilstu.edu). They will be included in the next edition of the ONTO Michigan View.